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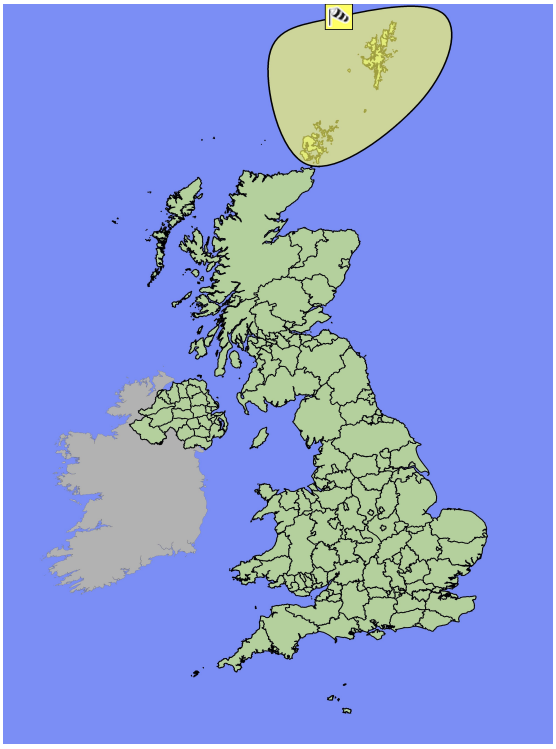

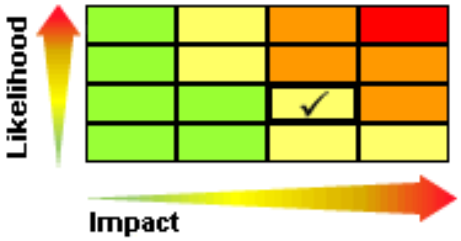

Chief Forecasters Assessment
An active frontal system will move northwards across Shetland later on Friday and through Saturday which is likely to be accompanied by severe gales. There remain some uncertainties regarding the timing of this weather system. Whilst there is relatively high confidence for the likelihood of strong winds, considerable uncertainty surrounds the risk of snow.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Alert** of **Wind**

Valid from **18:00 on Fri, 14th Dec 2012** until **14:00 on Sat, 15th Dec 2012**

East to southeast winds will steadily increase during Friday with gusts of 60-70 mph likely by Friday evening and possibly increasing to 70-80 mph for a time before easing through Saturday. In addition there is the risk of heavy snow, though it currently seems that this is more likely above 200 m, with lower lying areas seeing rain.

The public should be aware that there could be disruption to transport.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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